

the day - a large number of whales were seen from mastheads today but unfortunately were not sperm whales. this morning at about eight o'clock the cry "sperm whales" was heard from masthead the mate ran up the fore rigging but before he reached the top the whale had sounded. we hauled up the mainsail and hauled back the maintop-sail but we did not again see that whale. the Captain does not think it was a sperm whale on account of its acting in such a manner. course by the wind SW by W

October 6th Weather and winds fair. all hands Friday at work today beating out water in the lower hold on the ground tier. nothing of any importance occurred today and nothing seen from masthead. course by the wind heading mostly SW half W

October 7th Weather and winds. it blew hard enough Saturday however this morning to cause us to double reef topsails, but about half past nine the wind died away in a great measure and we set all sail again. steering by the wind heading mostly SW by W

October 8th Last evening a heavy squall came on it. Sunday lasted about an hour we singled reefed the mizzen topsail. today the weather is fine and the winds strong. nothing of any importance occurred - steered by the wind during the forenoon and this afternoon steered course SSW

October 9th Weather fine and winds fair. several hump. Monday - back whales seen from mastheads today. all hands idle except the cooper who is employed making molasses kegs for the crew who are to be put on allowance. course SSW

October 10th Weather and winds fair. larboard watch Tuesday employed today shaving oak butts. humpbacks seen from masthead. nothing of any importance. course W by S

October 11th Weather and winds fair. all hands employed Wednesday - sending down mizzen royal and topgallant masts and taking in the fly jib boom. nothing seen from mastheads but a few fin backs. course SW by S half D.

October 12th Weather and winds fair. winds were quite Thursday - moderate during the day but towards six o'clock it began to blow quite strong. we clew reefed the foretop sail. double reefed main and mizzen and furled the mainsail - foresail - jib - spanker and main spencer. we today bent a new foretop sail, a new jib, a foretopmast stay - sail and a main spencer. nothing seen from mastheads today - everything very dull on board ship. course SW by S

October 13th Weather pretty fair this morning. towards three Friday - o'clock however the barometer suddenly fell and as this is generally the sign of a gale everything was made fast and the boats were raised on the upper cranes towards four o'clock it began to blow in good earnest we took in all sail but topsails which we clew reefed. the sea was very rough and washed over the ship pretty often

October 14th Last night it blew quite a gale and Saturday - during the middle watch the wind shifted when it blew a whirlwind and the ship went round and round it was my watch below at the time so I did not see it. this morning the weather cleared off into a stiff breeze and we laid to all day. we caught our first porpoise today. it is pretty good eating - four sails were in sight today one on each bow and one on each quarter.

October 15th Weather and winds fair. it being Sunday - Sunday nothing doing all day. there was nothing seen from mastheads today but fin backs. everything very dull. it is my impression that there will soon be trouble on board the ship but I trust not.